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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Praisner

SUBJECT: Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public Places

Background

1. Automated External Defibrillators (AED) have been proven to be an effective tool that saves lives.
2. Within County Government the Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) has taken the lead including the development of a database identifying the location of AEDs within the County. This database has also been merged with the 911 dispatch information database.
3. On November 16, 2004 the Montgomery County Council enacted Bill 22-04 that requires AEDs in all registered fitness centers.
4. The Montgomery County Council has also funded the placement of 3 AEDs in the County Office Building: on the 3rd floor near the hearing room, on the 7th floor near the elevators, and on the second floor near the security guard station.
5. The County Council has also ensured that all County Recreation Centers are equipped with AEDs.
6. County Council members have been approached by community members who would like to see AEDs placed in other public buildings.
7. On September 2, 2005 Councilmember Praisner facilitated a meeting with representatives from the County Executive, DFRS, MCPS, MNCPPC, Montgomery College, the Revenue Authority and HOC to review the current status of AEDs in Montgomery County Agency facilities.

8. At this meeting DFRS demonstrated the use of AEDs and shared that legislation was passed in Annapolis repealing specified limitations on individual use of AEDs and altering qualifications for EMS Board certificates for facilities that desire to make AEDs available. State regulations reflecting this change should be enacted soon.
9. It was the consensus of those present that Montgomery County residents would be best served by a coordinated approach to the issue including generally uniform policies, standardization of equipment, and attention to risk management issues. It was the consensus that the Offices of the Executive, the County Council and DFRS are best equipped to coordinate this issue.

Action

The County Council of Montgomery endorses a coordinated approach by public agencies in Montgomery County to the extent possible.

The Council encourages the County Executive to designate DFRS as the lead Department for this effort which should include a coordinated education initiative, voluntary staff training, joint procurement, assistance with certification, and identification (with the support of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) of any additional legislative elements.

The Council further encourages all businesses and residents with AEDs on site to register them with Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and DFRS.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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